

Cost of disability and welfare 'at a glance'

Key commitments from the parties

For #DisabilityGE2020



Most of the main parties promise some form of increase to weekly payments for people with disabilities. **Fianna Fáil** promise €10, **Fine Gael** €25, **People Before Profit** €10 on top of reversing previous cuts, **Sinn Féin** raise DA to €265 per week, **Social Democrats** in line with inflation.

The Green Party and **Labour** make no commitment on Cost of Disability or weekly payments at all.

Social Democrats are the only party that commits to the full introduction of a Cost of Disability payment. **Fine Gael** make a commitment to complete the ongoing Cost of Disability research being carried out by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

In addition to welfare rates and reform the various parties make the following commitments: **Fianna Fáil** and **Social Democrats** say they will reverse the cut to the Rehabilitative Training Allowance.

Fianna Fáil will give a free travel pass to children in receipt of DCA. **Fine Gael** will increase 'carer' payments by €25 per week over 5 years of government and give a free GP card to people who get the Carer Support Grant.

Labour promise a free GP card to under 18s and people with a disability. **People Before Profit** promise universal health services free of cost.

Sinn Féin say they will give a medical card to all people with disabilities, increase 'carer' payments to €255 per week and increase the Care Support Grant to €2000.

Social Democrats will introduce a grant for disabled travel and free health care through Slainte Care.

 FIANNA FAIL <small>THE REPUBLICAN PARTY</small>	 FINE GAEL	 green party	 Labour	 People Before Profit Alliance	 Sinn Féin <small>BUILDING AN IRELAND OF EQUALS</small>	 Social Democrats
<p>Introduce a €10 Cost of Disability payment</p> <p>Reverse cuts to Rehabilitative Training Allowance</p> <p>Extend the Free Travel Scheme to children in receipt of the DCA</p> <p>Raise carer payments by €10 and improve the means test.</p>	<p>Complete the Cost of Disability research already started.</p> <p>Increase the DA by €25 per week over the life of the government at a minimum.</p> <p>Carer's who qualify for the Carer Support Grant will get a free GP card</p> <p>Carer payments will increase by €25 per week over the life of the next government.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Unspecified raising of Carer payment rate</p>	<p>GP care to all under-18s, and to everyone with a long-term illness or disability.</p>	<p>Reverse the cuts to social welfare payments.</p> <p>Increase basic rates of welfare by €10 per week.</p> <p>Universal health service free at the point of delivery.</p>	<p>Increase DA rates to €265pw</p> <p>Medical card for all people with disabilities</p> <p>Increase Carer rates to €255pw and the Carer Support Grant to €2000 and abolish the rule on working hours.</p>	<p>Introduce a Cost of Disability payment.</p> <p>Financial supports to disabled travel, including transport grant.</p> <p>Reverse cuts to Rehabilitative Training Allowance</p> <p>Review means testing of Carer and DA. Including look at proper recognition of Carer pensions, etc.</p> <p>Link weekly welfare payments to inflation.</p> <p>Commitment to Slainte Care: free health care to all.</p>

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Glossary of Terms

DA: Disability Allowance
DCA: Domiciliary Care Allowance
GP: General Practitioner



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